

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: **Request for Public Hearing on amending Sumter County Code Chapter 4 – Animal Control.**

REQUESTED ACTION: **Staff recommends approval**

☐ Work Session (Report Only) **DATE OF MEETING:** 11/24/09
☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A Vendor/Entity: _____
Effective Date: _____ Termination Date: _____
Managing Division / Dept: _____

BUDGET IMPACT: _____
☐ Annual **FUNDING SOURCE:** _____
☐ Capital **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** _____
☒ N/A

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The last revision of the animal control ordinance was March 28, 2006. This ordinance amends certain definitions and provisions of Chapter 4 of the Sumter County Code related to animal control and provides for clarification, severability, and an effective date. The definition and provision changes to the ordinance are as follows:

- New definitions of feral and hybrid animals
- New hearing procedures employing the Sumter County Special Master
- New procedures for impoundment and possible destruction of feral and hybrid animals
- New procedures for governance of animal care establishment
- New provisions for abandoned livestock
- New regulations regarding pets in county parks
- New regulations regarding sterilization of outdoor cats
- Amended hearing procures to conform with Special Master
- Establishment of fines and fees by resolution.

A new provision for owner responsibility to pickup animal feces on private and public property has not been included herein for the following reasons:

- 1) The issue is covered under the current Sec. 4-10, "Dogs and cats running at large, (a) No person shall cause, permit, or allow a dog or cat to stray or in any manner to run at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk, or other public property or the property of another."
 - 2) It is also covered Sec. 4-19, "Animals are prohibited in parks, playgrounds, public school premises, public buildings and on beaches, except where allowed." See new language as amended herein.
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